

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERGROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Water Board provides technical assistance to States for identifying and utilisation of ground water;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted by the Central Ground Water Board of digging some tube wells in several areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the future action plan of the Union Government to provide sufficient water for irrigation purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Ground Water Board provides technical assistance to the State Governments for identifying and utilisation of ground water sources through its normal programme of scientific exploration of ground water. The criteria for selection of locations for drilling of bore holes by the Central Ground Water Board include the need for ascertaining the availability, quality and quantity of ground water, requests of the State Governments for ground water development, results of remote sensing, geo-physical surveys and hydrogeological mapping. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Board has drilled 1699 wells as on 31.3.99 out of which 336 exploratory wells have already been handed over to the State Government. The drilling of bore holes is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Central Ground Water Board under its normal programme of work on annual basis in different parts of the country.